

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment places the application in condition for allowance and is, therefore, appropriate under Rule 116.

With the present amendment claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 4 therein, and claim 4 is canceled.

Claim 4 has been indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amending claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 4 is tantamount to rewriting claim 4 in independent form. Accordingly claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

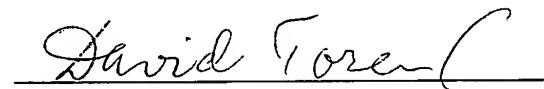
Claims 2, 3, and 5 depend on claim 1 and are allowable as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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